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#### PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLER WITH SAVING CHANGES INDICATION

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#### **English Abstract:**

A programmable controller such as an HVAC controller that provides a confirmation message to a user indicating that a parameter that has been modified by the user has been or will be saved. Such a confirmation message may help assure a user that their program modifications have been accepted and/or saved by the controller, thereby reducing the anxiety some users feel when programming such controllers.

#### French Abstract:

La presente invention concerne un controleur programmable, et notamment un controleur de chauffage, ventilation et climatisation, qui fournit a l'utilisateur un message de confirmation indiquant qu'un parametre, qui a ete modifie par l'utilisateur, a ete ou sera sauvegarde. Un tel message de confirmation est susceptible de rassurer l'utilisateur

doutant de l'acceptation et/ou sauvegarde par le controleur de ses modifications du programme, reduisant ainsi l'anxiete que ressentent certains utilisateur lors de la programmation de tels controleurs.

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#### **Detailed Description:**

...temperature, humidity, venting, air quality, etc. The controller may include a microprocessor that interacts with other components in the system. For example, in many modem **thermostats** for use in the home, a controller unit equipped with **temperature** and

Lumidity sensing capabilities may be provided to interact with a heater, blower, flue vent, air compressor, humidifier and/or other components, to control... ...programmable controller of Figures 1. In this illustrative flow diagram, the controller 1 0 (see Figure 1) is an HVAC controller such as a programmiable **thermostat**. At block 56, a user is permitted to edit the HVAC set points and/or schedule. This can encompass entering new values for one or... ...important to note that these positions are merely illustrative and are not intended to be limiting in any manner or fashion.

Figure 10 illustrates a **thermostat** 90 having a housing 20 and a touch screen 22. Touch **screen** 22 can **display** information to the user as well as accept inputs from the user. The user can make selections by touching appropriate **portions** of touch 1 5 screen 22, as will be described in greater detail below.

As illustrated, touch screen 22 emulates a number of buttons commonly found on **thermostats**. Along the left side of touch screen, a fan selection icon 92 and a system icon 94 permit a user to select from a variety... ...screen 22 includes several button icons along the bottom of touch screen 22. Each button icon emulates a button as might be found on a **thermostat** lacking a touch screen. The button icons include a SCHED icon 96, a HOLD icon 98, a CLOCK icon 100, a SCREEN icon 102 and ... ...program 40 (Figure 1). For example, if a user is home for the day, lie or she can use HOLD icon 98 to maintain the **temperature** setting of the WAKE period throughout the day, rather than cycling through the customary LEAVE and RETURN periods.

Touch screen 22 also displays a, temperature value 106 that provides the user with the present temperature within their environment, as well as a temperature 1 5 setting 108. Temperature setting 108 displays the temperature set point that HVAC controller 1 0 is presently following. Touch screen 22 includes a... ...time setting to accommodate entering or departing Daylight Savings Time (DST). In other embodiments, HVAC I 0 controller 10 can automatically adapt to Daylight Savings Time. In some embodiments, HVAC controller 10 can be in radio communication with a standard time reference source, if desired.

Touch screen 22 can display the present time at TIME icon 116. As illustrated, the time is displayed using a 12 hour clock, with an AM or PM notation.

1 5 In some embodiments, the time can be displayed using a... ... a number of parameters 38 (see Figure 1) in accordance with an illustrative embodiment of the present invention. Prior to beginning an editing process, the **thermostat** 90 can appear as shown in Figure 1 0. With reference to Figure 9, a user can initiate an edit mode, as indicated at block... ...may display the edit mode as illustrated in Figure I I and as in-dicated at block 122 of Figure 9.

Figure I I shows thermostat 90 in an initial edit mode. Initially, touch screen 22 displays the current temperature

set points as well as the present day of the week I 0 and the present time. The days of the week are shown across the top of touch screen 22, and are referenced as MON icon 124, TUE icon 126, WED... ...of the week may be presented in other ways, such as having WED icon 128 blink, or be displayed in bold, or as a different color or shade.

Touch screen 22 displays a HEAT icon 140 that indicates the temperature set point for heating operations and a COOL icon 142 that indicates the temperature set point for cooling operations. HVAC controller 10 (see Figure 1) can instruct HVAC equipment... ...days of the week he or she wish to edit, as indicated at block 158. Control passes to display block 160, which corresponds to the thermostat 90 as illustrated in Figure 12. In Figure 12, the MON icon 124, TUE icon 126, WED icon 128, THU icon 130, FRI icon 132... ...point, the user is in a position to select a time period for modification,

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followed by modifying one or more of the start time, heating temperature set point and cooling temperature set point for the selected time period. Touch screen 22 displays HEAT icon 140, Which displays the heating temperature set point, as well as UP icon 164 and DOWN icon 166. UP icon 164 and DOWN icon 166 can be used to raise or lower the heating temperature set point displayed by HEAT icon 140.

Similarly, touch screen 22 displays COOL icon 142, which displays the cooling temperature set point. UP icon 168 and DOWN icon 170 can be used by the user to raise or lower the cooling temperature set point displayed by COOL icon 142.

Touch screen 22 displays TIME SET POINT icon 172, which can be used to

1 0 display the starting point of any selected **time** period. As with TIME icon 116 that displays current time, TIME SET POINT icon 172 can display time either using a 12 hour clock and an AM/PM designation, or a 24 hour military style clock. The starting time for any selected **time** period can be adjusted up or down using UP icon 174 and

DOWN icon 176. In some embodiments, touch screen 22 can display a CANCEL PERIOD icon 178, which enables a user to switch to editing a different time period.

For illustrative purposes and with reference to Figure 9, the user can then select the WAKE period for editing at block 1 80. As... ...of the word "WAKE" on WAKE icon 148. In other embodiments, the entire WAKE icon 148 could blink, be bolded, be presented in a different **color** or **shading** pattern, or be designated in any other suitable way. In other embodiments, each of the non-selected **time** periods could be grayed or blanked out.

The user can select another time period for modification. In the illustrated 1 5 example, as shown in...week that were modified by the user. In other embodiments, MODIFIED PARAMETER icon 200 can display one or more of the modified parameters sucti as **time** and **temperature** set points, if desired.

Once the confirmation message has been displayed for an appropriate period of **time**, **thermostat** 90 can return to norinal operation, as referenced at block 197 of Figure 9. In some illustrative embodiments, the confirmation message can be displayed for a period of at least 1 second, at least 5 seconds, at least 10 seconds, or any other suitable **time** period, as desired.

Figures 9-18 illustrated a particular illustrative embodiment in which

thermostat 90 included touch screen 22, which was used for the interaction between thermostat 90 and the user. In other embodiments, as illustrated in Figures 19-27, a thermostat having a display and one or more key buttons can be used.

Figure 19 is a flowchart illustrating an illustrative step-by-step process of... ...accordance with another embodiment of the invention. Figures 20-27 are non-limiting schematic illustrations of an HVAC controller configured as a residential or commercial **thermostat**, demonstrating the process steps outlined in Figure 19. It should be noted that Figures 20-27 illustrate an HVAC controller having particular icons and buttons ... ...important to note that these positions are merely illustrative and are not intended to be limiting in any manner or fashion.

Figure 20 displays a thermostat 202 having a housing 204 and a display 206.

Display 206 can be any suitable display such as an LED display, an LCI:) display, or any other suitable display. Thermostat 202 includes a button 208, a button 21 0 and a button 212 that can be assigned to various parameters or firections, depending on, for example, whether thermostat 202 is in an operating mode or an editing mode. Display 206 includes a BUTTON 208 icon 214 corresponding to the assigned use of button... ...button 220 and DOWN button 222 can be used to adjust the value of a parameter up or down as appropriate. I

Figure 20 illustrates **thermostat** 202 in an editing mode. As a result, button 208 is assigned to SYSTEM AND FAN (as indicated by BUTTON 208 icon), button 21 0... ...outlined at block 236 by hitting button 210, which as indicated in Figure 20 is presently assigned (as

indicated by BUTTON 210 icon) to SCHEDULE. Thermostat 202 enters and

displays an edit mode, as referenced at display block 238 of Figure 19, which produces the screen shown in Figure 21. In... ...days can be selected for editing. When a particular day is 22.

highlighted in LIST OF DAYS 242, hitting button 212 (assigned to VIEW) causes thermostat 202 to display the time and temperatures set points for that particular day.

GO BACK refers to back tracking to a previous step.

During the process of selecting days to edit from... ...embodiments, the selected days can be indicated in any number of ways, such as having the selected days blink, bebolded, be presented in a different **color**, **shading**, or font, or by using any other suitable designation.

Once the days have been selected, the user can proceed to the next step by hitting button 210. Figure 23 illustrates thermostat 202 ready for the user to select a particular time period for editing. In some embodiments, as illustrated in Figure 23, thermostat 202 defaults to initially editing the WAKE period as referenced at block 250 of Figure 19.

Display 206 now displays SELECTED DAYS icon 248, which... ...In other embodiments, each of the days of the week can be displayed, with the selected days being bolded, blinking, or presented in a different **color**, **shading** or font, or by using

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any other suitable designation

Display 206 of Figure 23 includes TIME KERIOD icon 252, which provides

an indication to the user of which time period has been selected for editing. As illustrated, the selected "Wake" time period can be blinking, as evidenced by the absence of the wake **time** period in Figure 23. la- other embodiments, the selected

time period can be bolded or presented in a different color, shading or font, or by using any other suitable designation. In some embodiments, only the selected time period is presented, while the remaining time period-s are blanked or grayed out.

With respect to Figure 19, display 206 displays the initial WAKE... ... TEMPERATURE icon 258 displays the new temperature setting, as referenced at block 272 of Figure 19.

After the user has finished modifying each of the time and temperature set 1 0 points for the WAKE period, he or she can inform thermostat 202 that he or she is finished entering changes for that period. It should be noted that each of remaining time periods LEAVE, RETURN and SLEEP can be modified in much the same way, although not explicitly shown in the Figures.

The step of notifying thermostat 202 that the user is done entering changes can in some embodiments be achieved by hitting button 212, which as indicated by BUTTON icon 216... ...DONE. After hitting button 212, as referenced at block 273 of Figure 19, control may be passed to display block 274. At display block 274, thermostat 202 may provide a confirmation message that the changes have been or will be saved, as illustrated in Figure 27. The modified parameters are also... ...confirmation message, or any other suitable confirmation message to the user. Once MESSAGE icon 276 has provided the confirmation message for an appropriate period of time, and in the illustrative embodiment, thermostat 202 can return to its customary operation at referenced at block 276 of Figure 19.

In Figure 27, many of the display icons not necessary...

#### Claims:

...least one of a graphical display, a touch screen and a keypad.

36 The HVAC controller of claim 33, wherein the HVAC controller comprises a **thermostat**.

37 The HVAC controller of claim 33, farther configured to display a plurality of parameters and to permit the user, via the interface, to select... ...been or will be saved.

- 54 The programmable thennostat of claim 53, wherein the display means comprises an alpha numeric capable display.
- 55 The programmable **thermostat** of claim 53, wherein the display means comprises a graphical display.
- 56 The programmable **thermostat** of claim 53, wherein the receiving means and the setting means comprise a touch screen.
- 57 The programmable thermostat of claim 53, wherein the informing means comprises an alpha numeric display.36. The programmable thermostat of claim 53, wherein the informing meanscomprises a graphical display.
- 59 The programmable **thermostat** of claim 53, wherein the informing means comprises an aural message.37



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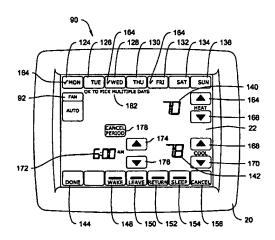
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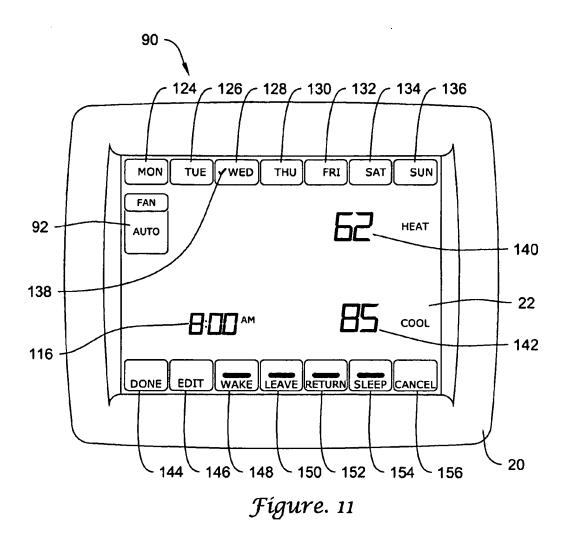
(57) ABSTRACT

A programmable controller such as an HVAC controller that provides a confirmation message to a user indicating that a parameter that has been modified by the user has been or will be saved. Such a confirmation message may help assure a user that their program modifications have been accepted and/or saved by the controller, thereby reducing the anxiety some users feel when programming such controllers.

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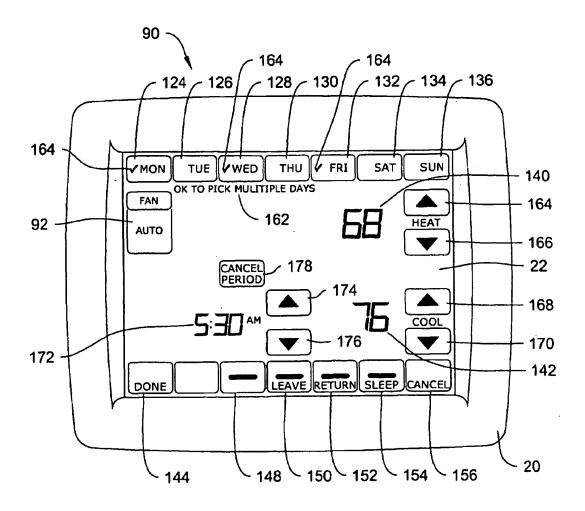


Figure. 14

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Touch screen 22 can display the present time at TIME icon 116. As illustrated, the time is displayed using a 12 hour clock, with an AM or PM notation. In some embodiments, the time can be displayed using a 24 hour military clock, if desired.

Touch screen 22 also includes a SCREEN icon 104 that can be used to temporarily disable touch screen 22 from accepting any user inputs so that the surface of touch screen 22 can be wiped off or otherwise cleaned. MORE icon 106 permits a user to access additional features of HVAC controller 10, such as scheduling reminders for filter replacement, setting operational parameters for a UV lamp, and the like. In some embodiments, touch screen 22 can include an OUTDOOR icon 118 that displays the outside ambient temperature.

FIG. 9 illustrates a step-by-step process for modifying a number of parameters 38 (see FIG. 1) in accordance with an illustrative embodiment of the present invention. Prior to beginning an editing process, the thermostat 90 can appear as shown in FIG. 10. With reference to FIG. 9, a user can 20 initiate an edit mode, as indicated at block 120. In some embodiments, the edit mode can be reached by selecting the SCHED icon 96 (FIG. 10). As a result, touch screen 22 may display the edit mode as illustrated in FIG. 11 and as indicated at block 122 of FIG. 9.

FIG. 11 shows thermostat 90 in an initial edit mode. Initially, touch screen 22 displays the current temperature set points as well as the present day of the week and the present time. The days of the week are shown across the top of touch screen 22, and are referenced as MON icon 124, TUE icon 30 126, WED icon 128, THU icon 130, FRI icon 132, SAT icon 134 and SUN icon 136. As illustrated, the present day of the week is Wednesday, as indicated by the checkmark 138 present on WED icon 128. In other embodiments, the present day of the week may be presented in other ways, 35 such as having WED icon 128 blink, or be displayed in bold, or as a different color or shade.

Touch screen 22 displays a HEAT icon 140 that indicates the temperature set point for heating operations and a COOL icon 142 that indicates the temperature set point for cooling 40 operations. HVAC controller 10 (see FIG. 1) can instruct HVAC equipment 14 (see FIG. 1) to heat or cool as appropriate, in accordance with the input given to HVAC controller via SYSTEM icon 94 (FIG. 10).

In FIG. 11, touch screen 22 includes several button icons 45 across the bottom of touch screen 22. In the illustrated embodiment, these button icons include a DONE icon 144, an EDIT icon 146, a WAKE icon 148, a LEAVE icon 150, a RETURN icon 152, a SLEEP icon 154, and a CANCEL icon 156. Each of the icons will be described in greater detail 50 below. CANCEL icon 156 permits the user to cancel any entered changes.

With reference to FIG. 9, a user can select which days of the week he or she wish to edit, as indicated at block 158. Control passes to display block 160, which corresponds to 55 the thermostat 90 as illustrated in FIG. 12. In FIG. 12, the MON icon 124, TUE icon 126, WED icon 128, THU icon 130, FRI icon 132, SAT icon 134 and SUN icon 136 are each displayed, along with a message icon 162 that informs the user that multiple days can be selected. The particular 60 message being displayed by message icon 162 can be any appropriate message and is not limited to the illustrated message.

In the illustrative embodiment, the user can select one or more days to edit by simply touching touch screen 22 65 proximate the appropriate days of the week icons. In the process of selecting the one or more days to edit, touch

screen 22 can provide a display as illustrated in FIG. 13. In the illustrated embodiment, the user has selected Monday, Wednesday and Friday for editing, as noted by checkmark 164 present on each of MON icon 124, WED icon 128, and FRI icon 132. In some embodiments, the user will recognize that he or she is in the edit mode, as EDIT icon 146 (as seen in FIG. 11) will be blanked or grayed out (as seen in FIG. 13), and also by the presence of the UP button 112 and DOWN button 114, as well as the absence of an EDIT button.

At this point, the user is in a position to select a time period for modification, followed by modifying one or more of the start time, heating temperature set point and cooling temperature set point for the selected time period. Touch screen 22 displays HEAT icon 140, which displays the heating temperature set point, as well as UP icon 164 and DOWN icon 166. UP icon 164 and DOWN icon 166 can be used to raise or lower the heating temperature set point displayed by HEAT icon 140. Similarly, touch screen 22 displays COOL icon 142, which displays the cooling temperature set point. UP icon 168 and DOWN icon 170 can be used by the user to raise or lower the cooling temperature set point displayed by COOL icon 142.

Touch screen 22 displays TIME SET POINT icon 172, which can be used to display the starting point of any selected time period. As with TIME icon 116 that displays current time, TIME SET POINT icon 172 can display time either using a 12 hour clock and an AM/PM designation, or a 24 hour military style clock. The starting time for any selected time period can be adjusted up or down using UP icon 174 and DOWN icon 176. In some embodiments, touch screen 22 can display a CANCEL PERIOD icon 178, which enables a user to switch to editing a different time period.

For illustrative purposes and with reference to FIG. 9, the user can then select the WAKE period for editing at block 180. As illustrated in FIG. 14, the user has elected to modify one or more of the start time, the heating set point and the cooling set point for the WAKE period. In the illustration, the user has set the starting time for the WAKE period at 5:30 AM by appropriately touching UP icon 174 and DOWN icon 176. The heating set point temperature has been adjusted to 68° F. by appropriately touching UP icon 164 and DOWN icon 166 while the cooling set point temperature has been adjusted to 76° F. by appropriately touching UP icon 168 and DOWN icon 170. As illustrated, temperatures are shown in degrees Fahrenheit, but degrees Celsius can also be used. Each of the starting time, heating set point temperature and cooling set point temperature, whether modified or not, are displayed by TIME SET POINT icon 172, HEAT icon 140 and COOL icon 142, respectively, as outlined at block

In some embodiments, the icon representing the selected time period can be modified to remind the user which time period has been selected. In particular embodiments, the text present on the icon can blink. As shown in FIG. 14, WAKE icon 148 is blinking, hence the (temporary) absence of the word "WAKE" on WAKE icon 148. In other embodiments, the entire WAKE icon 148 could blink, be bolded, be presented in a different color or shading pattern, or be designated in any other suitable way. In other embodiments, each of the non-selected time periods could be grayed or blanked out.

The user can select another time period for modification. In the illustrated example, as shown in FIG. 15 and as indicated at block 184 (FIG. 9), the user has elected to

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Thermostat controlling method for heating ventilating and air conditioning system, involves providing LCD display, and illustrating one shaded area defining temperature differential centered about temperature set by user

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#### FOCUS Thermostats

The Honeywell Chronotherm IV Plus programmable wireless thermostat is designed for retrofit zoning. Here is the unit's face plate and what's behind the face plate.

Homeowners have a wide range of technical skills, as well as a variety of home sizes and **heating**-cooling system complexity. There seem to be ample options at the more sophisticated end, and several products at the least sophisticated end - but what about...

...skills lie somewhere in between these extremes?

The trend among control and hvac accessory manufacturers definitely seems to swing toward the more complex, programmable, zoneable thermostat systems. However, new products have also come out for smaller applications and less technically skilled owners - the middle of the roaders.

Note: This article also includes introductions of more sophisticated thermostat-zoning products, as well as a couple of products that are less complicated. The middle can cover a lot of ground.

Also, descriptions such as...

...skills and technical knowledge of the end user. Just remember: Studies have shown that if the end user doesn't understand how to use the **thermostat** or other home controls, that customer is less likely to get all the benefits they could. Match the product to the customer's technical level...

...training that's required, the better.

#### MID-RANGE COMPLEXITY

PSG Controls, Inc. (Perkasie, PA), cheered, "We finally got the programming right!" of its Medallion programmable thermostats. "Programmable thermostats save energy, but the programming has been a nightmare for both the contractor and the end user," the company said.

"Most people can program the...

...instructions - they are that simple to program," the company continued. "Programming that is 5-2 or all 7 days can have the same economy/comfort times and temperature settings."

Features include auto changeover from **heat** to cool, a two-- speed fan, continuous fan speed, and user-selected fan configuration (depending on the model selected). It also features soft stop and comfort limits.

The face plate is simple: high, low, auto, and stop. Three buttons along the bottom indicate fan, up, and down arrows (for controlling temperature).

The Medallion also features "Service Watch" which helps contractors remind customers that their equipment needs service and maintenance performed either by the homeowner (filter changes) or the contractor (system checkup). The contractor sets the hours of fan run time; when that time has elapsed, a message on the thermostat tells the homeowner when filters need to be changed.

The hvac systems' run-time hours are also set by the contractor; when those hours are up, the thermostat displays a message to call the contractor for a system check-up. The telephone number of the service contractor also is displayed (10 digits). The display reads "Call for Check Up," with system needing service (filter/ heater/air conditioning) and the contractor's phone number.

The homeowner presses up or down buttons, and the "Check Up" display disappears, returning to the normal temperature display. However, the "Call for Check Up" will then be displayed for 1 minute every 15 minutes, then automatically returns to normal temperature display; this function will continue until the contractor resets the run time

Maple Chase (an Invensys unit based in Downers Grove, IL) recently introduced the Insight' **thermostat**, which the company called "an easily programmed device that will finally fulfill the programmable **thermostat**'s promise.

According to Timothy Butler, senior product manager of Maple Chase, "The programming is completely intuitive, unlike any other **thermostat** on the market. It was designed to be so simple, you can program it without a manual."

The thermostat has a soft-key programming technique common in cell phones and ATMs, the company said. The thermostat walks users through programming step by step. Options include 7-day, 5-2 day, 5-1-1 day, and 24-hr programming.

The model also features a large dot-matrix display with a 20% larger font size; special software that enables the **thermostat** to be programmed in English, Spanish, or French; and a website (www.aboutinsight.com) where users can access specs, manuals, programming-setup instructions, and sell sheets.

For a zoned product with a moderate level of user complexity, Honeywell (Golden Valley, MN) offers its Chronotherm IV Plus programmable wireless thermostat for retrofit zoning; it is now much easier for contractors to install with the company's RF wireless thermostat, the company said. The Chronotherm IV is also sold as a standalone thermostat.

This latest model of Chronotherm can be used with single- or multi-zone

receivers for zoned control of up to three areas, the company said. Its pulse-code modulation won't interfere with other wireless systems, and it can be mounted in each **zone** of living space up to 200 ft from the receiver.

The thermostat's bright LCD display and preprogrammed temperature settings offer proven energy savings, the company said. It's also easy for the user to change the temperature up or down manually.

Aprilaire's Communicating thermostat boasts increased flexibility and easier installation.

PSG Control's Medallion features the "Service Watch," which helps contractors remind customers that their equipment needs service maintenance.

The Maple Chase (Invensys) Insight thermostat is designed to be "homeowner friendly."

"This product works like a regular **thermostat**: commented Janell J. Siegfried, Siegfried Dunlay Corp., Golden Valley, MN. "The fact that it is wireless is a benefit from an installation standpoint, but doesn't affect how a consumer interacts with the product:'

The T8665A thermostat provides electronic control of 24 vac heating-cooling systems. It is used in conjunction with the W8665A receiver for IH/IC single-zone conventional applications. It is used with the W8665E receiver...

...Minizone Panel, EMM-3U Universal Electronic MiniZone, or TotalZone' panel. Systems, Controls & Instruments, L.L.C. (Pipersville, PA) recently introduced its TED Series 24-vac thermostats for hvac systems, ptac's, and fancoil units. The thermostats are said to be easy to operate and are low cost. An external temperature sensor is optional.

This basic model offers cool, off, heat, and auto-on fan settings. Models range from one heating zone and one setpoint, to two heating zones, one cooling zone, and one setpoint (for heat pumps).

The company's ERT 24 Series 24-vac thermostats are said to be fully digital and easy to install. Again, an external return sensor is optional. The faceplate is designed to be easy for the homeowner to navigate.

CTC's (A Hunter Fan Company, Memphis, TN) mechanical thermostats are available in horizontal and vertical configurations. All models offer the company's "quiet switching" mercury-bulb design. The company said these models require no subbase for heating, cooling, or heating -cooling installations.

The company's Model 43004, for example, is a horizontal unit designed for use with most fouror five-wire, 24-vac systems and single-stage heat

pumps. Model 43005 is the vertical unit. Model 43320 is a vertical unit that may be used with most two-wire, 24-- vac systems. It has a fixed cooling anticipator and no subbase is required.

Heat-only thermostats also are available in this new line.

#### FOR MORE SOPHISTICATED CUSTOMERS AND APPLICATIONS

Research Products Corp. (Madison, WO announced the first-quarter release of its new Aprilaire Communicating thermostat. The new system boasts increased flexibility and easier installation, according to Sean McCarthy, Aprilaire sales manager.

The new features include a universal thermostat for multiple hvac applications; a large, backlit temperature display; and an optional customized message display. Current features include central monitoring and remote monitoring capability.

Intuitive Windows-style pointand-click software features individual and global equipment schedules, adjustable energy management limits, and software security lockouts (to eliminate the need for lockboxes). Accessories include remote, flush-mounted

# temperature sensors and humidity sensors.

Incorporating hvac automation into a building's heatingcooling system allows for energy control as well as a comfortable environment, McCarthy said. Limits can be set for temperature overrides from a PC. Individual users can then control their own comfort within energy management guidelines.

DuroZone (a Division of DuroDyne Corp., Farmingdale, NY), recently introduced the ComfortMax zone control thermostat. The company describes it as a "full-function communicating thermostat turnkey system for light commercial applications and medium- to high-end housing."

The thermostat features Master thermostat zone monitoring and override, an economy mode, 5-1-1 setback programming, manual or auto changeover, and system programming for central a/c or heat pump systems.

The Master thermostat can be used to override individual zone thermostats, the company explained. The CMS Master unit can monitor, change, and lockout changes in any or all zones. All equipment selection is done at the Master stat. It features fan control, the 5-1-1 programming, emergency heat, and an unoccupied economy mode setting of up to 10 days.

Each CZT zone stat also features 5-1-1 programming in heat, cool, and auto changeover modes, plus economy heat and constant fan participation.

They are joined by the CCB control board, which operates as a "home base" to centralize the wiring. This unit can...

...fuse for circuit protection, and an indicator light to verify system communication. A fault indicator can be wired to the panel, as can an outdoor temperature sensor that relays information to the Master thermostat.

The entire ComfortMax zone control system joins operation of the company's Master and Slave **thermostats** and zone dampers, which are all wired to the circuit board.

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...controls, both temp and humidity, are today's products.

DALLAS, TX - It used to be easy. You just turned a circular dial and set

the temperature for the whole house - give or take a few degrees... and regardless of humidity levels, number of rooms, cooler outside temperatures at night and warmer temps during the day, usage, etc.

You get the picture.

Our lifestyle makes it almost impossible to rely solely on one temperature setting to provide adequate comfort throughout the day and night. That's why we depend on manufacturers to continually bring new thermostat products to the table which are designed to produce new comfort levels to homeowners and businesses.

At the IAHR Expo, **thermostats** were out in force. For instance, at A-- 1 Components, the catchword was "ease. " This is how the company described its line of "Cam-Stat" **thermostats**. These two **thermostats** feature large, easy-to-read **LCD** panels; slim, low-profile design; soft rubber buttons; and a neutral **color**. (Now doesn't that sound pretty laid back?)

The company touts the **thermostats** as "high-tech electrical operations at electrical/mechanical prices." They are available in standard and programmable versions plus are easy to install. Additional features include English-metric operation, built-in auxiliary **heat** indicator, compressor protection **timer**, and optional power stealing operation.

HIGH TECH, NAME CHANGE

High-tech has arrived with the introduction of the Personalized Intelligent Control System (PICS) from PSG...
...the building owners, want them to do.

"The module plugs into the back of a PC and can set a number of functions, such as **heating**, cooling, and humidification," said PSG's H. Nelson Bender.

The thermostat can be programmed to tell a customer when it is time to schedule a service call. It also lists the name and phone number of the installing contractor. PSG Controls believes PICS gives building owners "un...

...of their hvac system without "hassling" with complex programmable buttons or with complex energy management systems.

Meanwhile, Research Products Corp. spent a great deal of time qetting people used to their name change, Aprilaire(R) products.

"For more than 40 years, the name Aprilaire has been synonymous with the best in whole-house humidification," said company spokesperson Larry Olsen. "Now it's also synonymous with a whole indoor comfort system."

In regard to thermostats, the company said its new line of electronic thermostats are designed to be energy saving,

easy-to-use, complimentary to a home's d6cor, and have an important safety function.

"These thermostats communicate with one another through a link to a PC," said Joe Hlavacek. "Unlike other communication thermostats, if the system crashes, the standalone thermostats will continue to work and no hvac: functions will be jeopardized."

#### AND THERE'S MORE

An adjustable knob and a circular wall thermostat ... sound familiar? Well, Systems, Controls & Instruments, L.L.C. has added a slight variation to that structure: a round dial on a rectangular box.

The company's "ComforTrol" series of digital thermostats are lowvoltage and designed to compete with conventional bimetal thermostats. Slide switches are used along with an LED, always glowing. Indicator lights turn on when the hvac system is energized.

A Whoopi Goldberg look-alike hawks the new Aprilaire line of products from Research Products.

SO also offers a logarithmic program called "Smart Sensing," which the company said adjusts the **temperature** differential in order to maintain close room **temperature**, without rapid cycling the equipment.

White-Rodgers/Division of Emerson Electric Co. believes it has a "smart idea." That idea is a smart thermostat called the Comfort-Set(R) Digital Thermostat. Homeowners can program the thermostat and see the results, 24-hours a day. That's because the display is soft backlit, designed to end a lot of groping in the dark to make sure the thermostat is set and running correctly.

"This solves the problem of setting the **thermostat** in the dark after coming home," said George Muehlemann.

Although not part of the **thermostat** line (but with direct connections), White-Rodgers touted its Intell-Ignition(TM) Silicon Nitride System as one of the newest and best technologies to hit...

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#### Abstract:

At Johnson Controls Inc.'s exhibit at the 1999 International Air-Conditioning, **Heating**, Refrigerating Exposition, the company introduced 16 products. The following products are briefly profiled: 1. the Metasys M5 workstation, 2. Metasys Data Visualization, 3. the Metasys

M-Web browser, 4. the Metasys zoning package, 5. the N30 supervisory controller, 6. the TEC1100 Series thermostat, 7. the TMx1600 digital room sensor, 8. variable air volume boxes, 9. the Johnson Controls/PENN A419 electronic temperature control, 10. VFD66 condenser fan speed controls, 11. RLM Series single-point, refrigerant-specific, leak monitors, 12. the R310A Series ac flow detector, 13. System...

#### Text:

...Metasys Data Visualization tells a user the status of various building automation systems, from hvac equipment to life safety functions in a multiple-building campus. **Colorful**, animated displays help operators visualize and manipulate systems with on-screen tools.

Current data visualization offerings include metaphor displays (such as "Starfield" and "River of Time" charts), and abstract displays (such as a "Comfort Chart" and the "Analog Profile" displays).

The Metasys M-Web browser allows the monitoring and control of...

...monitor and control hvac equipment in small buildings. BACnet-compliant, the N30 supervises the networking of application-specific controllers and provides energy management features, including time scheduling, alarm management, and controller data exchange.

The TEC1100 Series thermostat communicates over the Metasys N2 bus. Based on the T500 thermostat, it will be offered in three models.

The TMx1600 digital room sensor with LCD and keypad device allows users control of a specified zone. Users can change the temperature or fan setting, select heating or cooling setpoints, and view room or outside air conditions in degrees Fahrenheit or Celsius.

Variable air volume boxes controlled by vav modular assembly controllers can now be balanced with new software, the VMA Balancing Tool. Software is installed in...

...as well as other thirdparty business software.

(Photograph Omitted)

Captioned as: Johnson Controls said its Metasys zoning package features "innovative control algorithms [that] allow superior temperature control to commercial zoning algorithms."

The Johnson Controls/ PENN A419 electronic temperature control combines keypad programming with an LCD. A large display screen lets users check between setpoint and temperature, and makes it easy to see relay status, the company says.

VFD66 condenser fan speed controls are designed to control three-phase condenser fan motors...

#### ...circuit.

System 350TM electronic controls can handle even more applications with two new additions to the line. A modular control series for medium- to largescale temperature, humidity, and pressure applications, the company says.

This stand-alone system consists of a control module linked with various stage, display, and transformer modules. New to the line: the S350P proportional plus integral temperature stage control and the A350S electronic temperature reset module without a relay.

The FS-1300 combination fire/smoke damper has been dynamically tested, and its 11/2hr Fire/Class II leakage rating...

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Get ready for a kitchen-think drama Kitchens that think for themselves are just around the corner, and sexy new appliances that rewrite the style rulebook are already here. NICOLE SWENGLEY reports

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#### Lead Paragraph:

FUTURISTIC kitchens which run themselves, suggest evening meals, order food and contact repairers when appliances need new parts are some of the predictions in a new report from the electrical manufacturer Zanussi.

The problem with new-tech forecasts is that they generally remain as elusive as Mystic Meg's prophecies when you try to buy them. But this month Zanussi lives up to its cute slogan ("the appliance of science") by launching a series of sexy New Age machines which should make life easier for homeowners.

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...on all its shelves and a cooker that automatically selects the best temperature for your meal.

Since manufacturing technologies are making it easier to introduce colour, Zanussi's new range includes yellow cookers and bright blue fridges. A move away from sharp edges and hard lines towards more organic forms means...

...mounted storage unit which you

pull out and pour away. The machine automatically senses the time needed to dry the contents.

The dishwasher

A silver-coloured space-age machine (model DWS939S) governs the amount of water used, softens it, and prevents the machine from flooding. This design costs around GBP 400...

...electronically-controlled oven (model ZBS772X) automatically selects the best temperature for the type of cooking required (you can also operate it manually).

Instead of a thermostat light turning on and off it shows the oven's exact temperature all the time on an LCD display. Knobs are replaced by easy-to-use touch controls. It has a fast heat-up feature and turns itself off when ready.

It costs...

...offers fantastic picture quality. As the picture is stable, continuous and distortion-free, there are no visible lines or flickers on the screen. A special **colour** filtration process provides lifelike **colours** and good **contrast**.

When I watched a snatch of the film GoldenEye on this new TV I was amazed at how much detail I had



There were about 25,500 Google results for thermostat OR thermostats SHADED OR SHADING OR "DIFFERENT COLOR" OR "DIFFERENT COLORED" LCD OR GUI OR "LIQUID DISPLAY" OR "LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY" OR "GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE".

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